

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

1 15. (Currently Amended) An opener to facilitate the
2 removal of a threaded lid from the top of a jar, said jar having
3 an open mouth surrounded by a thread, said opener comprising a
4 body having a circularly arcuate C-shape with an inner sidewall,
5 an outer sidewall, an upper edge and a lower edge, said body
6 terminating at two ends separated by an open gap, an inwardly
7 extending stop extending along said inner sidewall adjacent to
8 said upper edge, the region inside said inner sidewall being
9 open, said inner sidewall including a pair of portions of
10 different diameter, with the portion of larger diameter being the
11 closer portion to said lower edge, whereby to ~~[[for]]~~ form a
12 tapered shoulder facing toward said lower edge, said body being
13 made of a stiffly flexible substance which tends to restore
14 itself to an original shape when distortive forces are removed,
15 whereby said body can be spread open at said gap to receive a
16 lid, and released to embrace said lid, thereby to assist a user
17 to remove said lid from said jar, the larger diameter portion
18 facilitating the entry of the lid into the region inside the
19 body, and the tapered portion facilitating entry of the top of
20 the lid into the smaller diameter region.